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SHERMAN.

Rebel Accounts of His Movements.

Large Force of Union Troops Land at Grimball's, James Island.

They Are Within Two Miles of Charleston.

KIRKPATRICK NEAR CHARLESTON.

THE UNION FORCES MOVING ON EDISTO.

BRANCHVILLE FLANKED.

Kilpatrick's Cavalry Nine Miles Northwest of Grahamsville.

The Union Forces Advance to Orangeburg.

Wade Hampton's Cavalry Opposing Kilpatrick.

LEE'S APPEAL TO THE GEORGIANS.

The Governor of South Carolina Calls on the Whig to Fight.

Those Who Don't Respond Must Leave the State.

Mr. Oscar G. Sawyer's Despatch.

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WILMINGTON.

Reconnaissance in Force on Saturday Last.

Brisk Skirmishing and Retreat of the Rebels.

GALLANTRY OF THE COLORED TROOPS.

The Monitor Montauk Hammering at Fort Anderson.

PARTIAL LIST OF CASUALTIES.

Mr. James C. Fitzpatrick's Despatch.

Reconnaissance in force was made this morning by the troops of General Terry. Preparations had been in progress for several days, and the soldiers were eager for any change which would relieve the monotony of sand, surf and salt water which characterized the surroundings of Fort Fisher.

THE LINE OF BATTLE.

The line of battle was formed with the division of General Ames on the right, and of General Payne on the left. In other words, General Ames held the position with the ocean on his right flank, while General Payne had the river on his left.

THE PICKETS OR VIDEOS OF THE ENEMY.

On the right they fell back to the main body or reserve of the picket line, which was encoined behind a breast-work, in a swampy piece of ground, at the southern extremity of Masonboro, or Myrtle Sound. Here a charge was ordered, and the line was carried with slight loss, some fifty of the enemy falling into our hands. They belong to the Seventeenth North Carolina regiment, of Kirkland's brigade, which seems to have been in the rebel front during the day. They say that Clingman's and Colquett's brigades are in the rear, occupying the main line of works defending the approach to Wilmington.

ON THE LEFT THE COLORED TROOPS.

On the left the colored troops, under General Payne, pushed the enemy with great gallantry, driving them from every stump and tree where they sought to make a stand. On this part of the line the colored soldiers seemed to fight with the enemy with relentless animosity, driving them at last to the cover of their main works. The skirmishing throughout the day was most lively, and the volleys at times very heavy. The brunt of the fighting was with our (the attacking side), the enemy manifesting little inclination to oppose our progress. The loss does not exceed (up to this time, three o'clock P. M.) some sixty or seventy, mostly of General Payne's division. In recompense for this we have nearly a hundred prisoners.

THE ADMIRAL PORTER HEARTILY CO-OPERATED WITH GENERAL TERRY.

In this movement, which has given us possession of a few more miles of rebel territory, together with some insight into the character of the opposition, which we may expect in our further advances toward Wilmington. The Admiral sent the Montgomery, Captain Dunn, Quaker City, Captain Spicer, and others of the outside fleet to move up the beach in a line just ahead of the land forces and shell them before.

ON THE RIVER SIDE SOME DANGER BEING FEARED FROM FORT ANDERSON.

Anderson, which, from its location, could enfilade the advancing column, an attack upon the fort was made by a portion of the fleet in the river, with the view of diverting its attention and fire at the same time.

THE UNDAULD LEAD OFF IN THE MORNING, AND WAS SUPPORTED IN THE FIRST STAGES OF THE ATTACK BY THE MACKINAW.

A desultory fire at long range was kept up until near noon, when the Monitor Montauk steamed up the river, and poured all the rest of the day, long and short, into the rebel works. The long experience which the gunners of the Montauk have had before Charleston, and their target practice on Fort Sumter and Moultrie quickly manifested itself in the skill with which they trained their guns upon Fort Anderson. Every shot struck with most remarkable accuracy. One after another they glanced along its ramparts or burst on its glacis, sending the sand in clouds to the sky. The fort opened a responsive answer, but its fire was weak and its shots straggled wide of their mark. The torpedoes—the great obstacle to all operations in Southern rivers—failed to explode on this occasion; that is, if the rebels endeavored to use them; but the probability is that those planted in the river are in the channel confronting and within a few hundred yards of the fort, so that our vessels do not to-day get within reach of their destructive power.

THE MONITOR.

This little craft also took part for a short time in the action. The wooden gunboats went back soon after the infantry had attained their object on shore. The Monitor Montauk, however, having successfully pushed her way so far up the stream, seemed determined not to give up one inch of the ground; and, as I write, she is still peering away at the fort. During the past week, I may add, the Parrott guns, to which so much objection has been raised, were replaced on most of the double-enders by eleven-inch Dahlgrens.

A REBEL STRIKE IN THE NIGHT.

During the afternoon a rebel strike which, as she have in sight from the direction of Wilmington, was by the vicinity of Fort Moultrie, came down the river to the vicinity of Fort Moultrie Light House, where she anchored, when an officer on board began signalling very vigorously, probably to communicate some orders from Gregg to Hoke, which latter officer was said to be in command of the division of rebel troops on the front.

THE RESULT.

The day's fighting has resulted in advancing our line a few miles, while the navy has been enabled to form an estimate of the strength of Fort Anderson. Were it not for the torpedoes, which are represented as densely sown in the channel, our gunboats could reduce this work in a few hours.

THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL LIST OF THE CASUALTIES:

Lieut. J. Fields, Co. A, 4th United States colored troops. Killed.

Capt. Geo. A. Herbert, Co. H, 50th colored troops. Killed.

Lieut. D. H. Brady, Co. G, 61st colored troops, light.

Lieut. J. Noble, 61st colored troops.

Lieut. C. A. Fisher, Co. C, 30th colored troops, arm.

Captain Ben. Brook, Co. H, 76th Pennsylvania, right arm.

Patrick Kelly, Co. H, 84 New Hampshire, scalp.

C. H. Weymouth, Co. B, 3d New Hampshire, left leg.

John Harnes, Co. K, 76th Pennsylvania, both legs.

Captain Tael, of the United States steamer Torowanda will accept our correspondent's thanks for courtesy.

COURT CALENDAR—THIS DAY.

Severance Court.—Chancery.—Part 1.—Court opens at ten o'clock A. M.—Nov. 1245, 1246, 1247, 1248, 1249, 1250, 1251, 1252, 1253, 1254, 1255, 1256, 1257, 1258, 1259, 1260, 1261, 1262, 1263, 1264, 1265, 1266, 1267, 1268, 1269, 1270, 1271, 1272, 1273, 1274, 1275, 1276, 1277, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1281, 1282, 1283, 1284, 1285, 1286, 1287, 1288, 1289, 1290, 1291, 1292, 1293, 1294, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1299, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, 1328, 1329, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1335, 1336, 1337, 1338, 1339, 1340, 1341, 1342, 1343, 1344, 1345, 1346, 1347, 1348, 1349, 1350, 1351, 1352, 1353, 1354, 1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359, 1360, 1361, 1362, 1363, 1364, 1365, 1366, 1367, 1368, 1369, 1370, 1371, 1372, 1373, 1374, 1375, 1376, 1377, 1378, 1379, 1380, 1381, 1382, 1383, 1384, 1385, 1386, 1387, 1388, 1389, 1390, 1391, 1392, 1393, 1394, 1395, 1396, 1397, 1398, 1399, 1400, 1401, 1402, 1403, 1404, 1405, 1406, 1407, 1408, 1409, 1410, 1411, 1412, 1413, 1414, 1415, 1416, 1417, 1418, 1419, 1420, 1421, 1422, 1423, 1424, 1425, 1426, 1427, 1428, 1429, 1430, 1431, 1432, 1433, 1434, 1435, 1436, 1437, 1438, 1439, 1440, 1441, 1442, 1443, 1444, 1445, 1446, 1447, 1448, 1449, 1450, 1451, 1452, 1453, 1454, 1455, 1456, 1457, 1458, 1459, 1460, 1461, 1462, 1463, 1464, 1465, 1466, 1467, 1468, 1469, 1470, 1471, 1472, 1473, 1474, 1475, 1476, 1477, 1478, 1479, 1480, 1481, 1482, 1483, 1484, 1485, 1486, 1487, 1488, 1489, 1490, 1491, 1492, 1493, 1494, 1495, 1496, 1497, 1498, 1499, 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1509, 1510, 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1517, 1518, 1519, 1520, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1524, 1525, 1526, 1527, 1528, 1529, 1530, 1531, 1532, 1533, 1534, 1535, 1536, 1537, 1538, 1539, 1540, 1541, 1542, 1543, 1544, 1545, 1546, 1547, 1548, 1549, 1550, 1551, 1552, 1553, 1554, 1555, 1556, 1557, 1558, 1559, 1560, 1561, 1562, 1563, 1564, 1565, 1566, 1567, 1568, 1569, 1570, 1571, 1572, 1573, 1574, 1575, 1576, 1577, 1578, 1579, 1580, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585, 1586, 1587, 1588, 1589, 1590, 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1595, 1596, 1597, 1598, 1599, 1600, 1601, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1606, 1607, 1608, 1609, 1610, 1611, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1617, 1618, 1619, 1620, 1621, 1622, 1623, 1624, 1625, 1626, 1627, 1628, 1629, 1630, 1631, 1632, 1633, 1634, 1635, 1636, 1637, 1638, 1639, 1640, 1641, 1642, 1643, 1644, 1645, 1646, 1647, 1648, 1649, 1650, 1651, 1652, 1653, 1654, 1655, 1656, 1657, 1658, 1659, 1660, 1661, 1662, 1663, 1664, 1665, 1666, 1667, 1668, 1669, 1670, 1671, 1672, 1673, 1674, 1675, 1676, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1682, 1683, 1684, 1685, 1686, 1687, 1688, 1689, 1690, 1691, 1692, 1693, 1694, 1695, 1696, 1697, 1698, 1699, 1700, 1701, 1702, 1703, 1704, 1